## SBA Community Partner of the Year

Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write to you today to ask you and the commissioners to quickly review and approve the proposed merger of T-Mobile and A&TT. The Central California region stands to quickly benefit from the effects of this merger.

In growing numbers, Hispanics are relying more and more on wireless technology to communicate with family members, search for employment, further their education through distance learning or access on-line medical services. The ability to do this is made possible by broadband technology. Research has found that Hispanics are less likely to access these important Internet functions from home but more likely to access the Internet through a wireless device. Therefore mobile broadband capability is extremely important to our organization, as it allows members of the Hispanic community to utilize service they may otherwise miss out on.

AT&T's merging with T-Mobile will make my community and our residents better able to keep pace with the rest of the country for many reasons, including additional jobs created by advanced technology the merger will bring, broader wireless coverage throughout our region and more reliable service for those who use wireless technology as part of their work. I ask that the Commission takes this into consideration and decides to approve this merger.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

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